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### Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment

The communications filed on 10/8/2003 is not fully responsive to the Office communication mailed on 4/9/2003. See the attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment for details.

Applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, effective, March 21, 2001, in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald G. Leffers Jr. whose telephone number is (703)-308-6232. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Remy Yucel can be reached at (703) 305-1998. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-1998.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to Zeta Adams whose telephone number is (703) 305-3291.

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## Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment document filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following omission(s) or provision is required. **Only the section (1.121(h)) of the amendment document containing the omission or non-compliant provision must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted.**

THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ELEMENTS(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

1. Amendments to the specification:  
 A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.  
 B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.  
 C. Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Abstract:  
 A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.  
 B. Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Amendments to the drawings: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Amendments to the claims:  
 A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.  
 B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (incl. withdrawn claims)  
 C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.  
 D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.  
 E. Other: The term "previously Added" is not one of the 7 approved claim STATUS identifiers.

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognocite/officeflyer.pdf>.

If the non-compliant amendment is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**, applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this **ONE MONTH** time limit is not extendable.

If the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a **NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**, and since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a **TIME PERIOD** of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

If the amendment is a reply to a **FINAL REJECTION**, this form may be an attachment to an **Advisory Action**. **The period for response to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection, and is not affected by the non-compliant status of the amendment.**